

Risk Assessment

RSA Academy Arrow Vale and all schools within the Central RSA Academies Trust completed a comprehensive risk assessment before opening to wider numbers of pupils in June 2020.

These risk assessments have been regularly updated as required with new information and legislation.

Following the government's announcement of lockdown #3 in January 2021, the limited return to school of pupils and the introduction of testing, risk assessments have been reviewed in all schools with the following outcomes;

Secondary schools including, RSA Academy Arrow Vale, have introduced lateral flow testing for pupils and staff.

The risk assessment covered the following areas;

1. Awareness of procedures and policies
2. Hygiene practices in classrooms and public areas
3. Administering first aid to those presenting symptoms of COVID-19
4. Managing suspected cases of COVID-19
5. Spread of infection
6. Clinically vulnerable staff
7. Mental health concerns – staff
8. Management of infectious diseases
9. Governance and policy
10. Vacant premises/re-opening of premises
11. Emergency/fire evacuation
12. Available capacity reduced by social distancing
13. Organising small class groups
14. Classroom based arrangements/class sizes
15. Continued prioritisation of vulnerable pupils
16. Pupils falling behind in learning
17. Pupils eligible for free school meals
18. Plans if staff numbers lower than required to teach classes
19. Staff training
20. Social distancing arrangements
21. Pupil behaviour
22. Transition planning
23. Communication of Academy plans
24. Academy building arrangements
25. Contractors on site
26. Costs of additional measures due to COVID-19
27. Mental health concerns – pupils
28. Transport arrangements
29. Onwards = Updates

A weekly review takes place of all sections within the Risk Assessment and section 29 and all subsequent sections relate to additional control measures that have been added to the Risk Assessment following updated guidance, advice and that weekly review.